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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF JOHNSON UTILITIES COMPANY FOR AN EXTENSION OF ITS EXISTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE.

DOCKET NO. WS-02987A-04-0288

JOHNSON UTILITIES OPPOSITION TO DIVERSIFIED WATER UTILITIES, INC.'S APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

Applicant Johnson Utilities Company ("JUC"), hereby responds in opposition to Diversified Water Utilities, Inc.'s Application to Intervene ("Application") for the reasons set forth hereinafter. In summary, the Application is based on misstatements of fact and Diversified Water Utilities, Inc. ("Diversified") has failed to establish that it has any interest in this proceeding.

This is Diversified's second application to intervene in a JUC CC&N extension request filed in the past two weeks and the assertions made by Diversified are virtually identical. However, in this case, the claims made by Diversified are, put bluntly, false. First, JUC and Diversified were **not** involved in a prior contested proceeding involving the area subject to JUC's requested CC&N extension in this docket. Application at 1-2. To the best of JUC's knowledge, the property at issue in this docket was **not** at issue in the docket that led to Decision No. 63690 (September 4, 2001) in any manner. Therefore, Commission Staff and the Administrative Law Judge could not have recommended that the area subject to the instant application be certificated to Diversified, even if that were somehow a basis for intervention. *Id.* at 2.

Similarly, Diversified's claim that it has a pending application to extend its CC&N into

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the same area covered by JUC's application in this docket is false. To begin with, as stated in response to Diversified's earlier request, the application filed in Docket No. W-02859-04-0844 was rejected by Commission Staff as insufficient. More importantly, based upon its review of that filing by Diversified, JUC asserts that the property at issue in this docket is **not** subject to Diversified's requested CC&N extension in Docket No. W-02859-04-0844.¹

Based on the foregoing, Diversified clearly lacks any interest whatsoever in this proceeding and, therefore, its statement that it "will be directly and substantially affected" by a decision in this proceeding should be rejected. Indeed, it would appear that Diversified merely seeks to unduly broaden the issues and delay the adjudication by the Commission of JUC's request. Such an effort should not be allowed and Diversified's application should be denied.

DATED this 25th day of January, 2005.

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¹ Theoretically, Diversified could file a competing application. However, JUC's application in this docket is supported by requests from service by the landowners. Thus, a competing application by Diversified would not likely be deemed sufficient by Staff.

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